

Chiropractors object to proposed limit on insurance payments

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The Utah Chiropractic Association has taken exception to proposals made last week by the State Medical Association that would encourage health insurance policies barring payment to several classes of alternative health care providers.

Chiropractors, podiatrists, acupuncturists and psychologists were among those listed by the medical association in a resolution passed by the group's house of delegates. The resolution supported an effort to have insurance companies provide policies that would exclude non-medical practitioners. Such policies would be cheaper and would not penalize people who do not go to these practitioners for care, the association argued.

The chiropractors' group, while commending the physicians for instituting a fee freeze and renewing emphasis on prevention of health problems, said the medical association's position on other health care providers amounts to competition containment, not cost containment.

The chiropractors responded to two of the medical association's claims: that the groups of providers targeted for exclusion are non-traditional and that insurance policies that include these providers are "overly broad."

"The overly broad reason is made to lend credence to a false claim that modern medicine provides all-inclusive care and there need not be alternative or competing factions in health care," said a position statement prepared by the UCA. "Often, chiropractors provide help to patients who tried medical care first."

Many human ailments are treated better and more cost-efficiently by "non-traditional" providers, the statement said. "The UCA finds it difficult to see how the Utah Medical Association can justify the belittling term 'non-traditional' as applied to those non-medical professions." Chiropractors have practiced in the state for 70 years and have been under licensure statutes in the state for 53 years.

The medical profession often is critical of practice styles that it later espouses, such as physical therapy, the paper said.

"If (cost) containment is to take place, then the consumer or his employer ought to have the option of buying an insurance plan that does not pay for costly and often unnecessary surgical and drug procedures instead of excluding less costly alternatives that often provide the only hope for sufferers," the paper said.

The UCA suggested that doctors, instead of trying to limit other practitioners, refer patients to them for services they can provide better, to avoid duplication of care.

The association also suggested curbs on hospital costs where "only MDs are allowed to practice."

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Chiropractic Role in Health Care

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by Dr. Gerald W. Klein

This is the first of a series of articles by Dr. Gerald W. Klein. Dr. Klein is the director of the Heber Valley Chiropractic and Sports Injury Clinic. The purpose of these articles is to familiarize you with the significant role Chiropractic plays in health care and maintenance.

Unfortunately many people consult a Chiropractor as a last resort. They have already been to the general medical practitioner, orthopedist, neurosurgeon or internist. This is unfortunate as many times dangerous drugs or surgery are unnecessarily used. A case in point is case history #1453 in the records of Heber Valley Chiropractic and Sports Injury Clinic.

A young married white female with 3 children was experiencing severe stiffness and pain in the entire body. Headaches, dizziness, constant nausea and a bladder problem had also been present for more than a year. She had been a gymnastic instructor and had been unable to demonstrate or effectively teach during that past year. One year before she had consulted a general practitioner and a neurologist. The drugs prescribed at that time had made no positive change. As the symptoms began to worsen she consulted this office due to the

urging of a friend.

Our investigation included physical, orthopedic, neurological, range of motion and Chiropractic examinations. These along with a thorough x-ray examination helped to diagnose the problem. Correlation and careful analysis of the findings of all these exams was performed.

Determination was made that in this particular case Chiropractic was the treatment of choice for this patient. Care was begun on a regular basis. Within 3 weeks most of the symptoms were resolved. No headaches, dizziness or nausea were present any longer. She was again able to demonstrate the gymnastic moves necessary to her classes with no pain or restriction of motion.

Modern, gentle Chiropractic has benefited millions. Our goal is to solve the cause and not simply relieve the symptoms. It is our purpose to do that which is best for the patient. Should we determine that Chiropractic is not the treatment of choice then the patient is referred where they may receive the necessary care for their particular problem. We do not accept all cases but we do help most all we accept. The Heber Valley Chiropractic and Sports Injury Clinic is located at 31 West Center, Heber City, Utah. 654-1550.

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